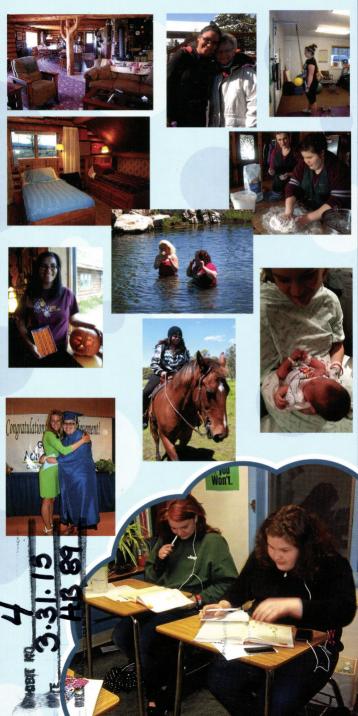
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TRAFFICK REFUGE, INC. is 501(c)3 exempt

TRAFFICK REFUGE is a safehouse for victims of domestic sex trafficking with a focus of restoration. Our goal is to provide a home atmosphere where they are loved and free to heal, learn their value, get an education, guidance and a new direction for their lives. We provide general education through the local public school, animal therapy, trauma counseling, medical and dental, dance, writing, cooking, art, personal finance and life skills classes. We encourage multigenerational interaction and a family atmosphere where life is spoken.

#### **ABOUT US:**

For 20 yrs, we have lived in a large log home in the northern Rockies. It has been our privilege to use this home to finish raising our three daughters and grandchildren as well as taking in teens and allowing churches to use this place to bring in hurting people of all ages and walks of life. We simply could not turn away after hearing what was going on in our nation. In April 2012 we began to contact foundations that have been started to identify and rescue trafficked children. We were sent our first girl, a 17 yr. old in May 2012. She was coerced off a bus at 15 when her father sent her to her mother's house in Chicago from Dallas. She was drugged, raped, pistol whipped and sold all over the US for 2 vrs. before calling the national trafficking hotline. She has received trauma counseling, medical care, her GED. lessons in cooking, horseback riding, shopping and dance while at our home as well as all the love, guidance, and direction we could give. She has since gone home to Dallas to begin college for a career in radiology. We have been taking in underage victims of sex trafficking ever since. After forty yrs. of marriage, one thing we have seen consistently is that children are hungry for stability and security. A home with loving and stable parents meets this need better than an institution. It is our sincere desire to help these girls heal and pursue the dreams they had before they were stolen from them.



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